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REF: A. JUNE 2-3 MEETING; B. STATE 123057

1. SUMMARY: MEETING WENT SMOOTHLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENDA. THE FRG MADE SURPRISING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF THE US-FRG PROGRAM, ESSENTIALLY ELIMINATING COMPONENTS, NON-NUCLEAR TESTING AND DESIGN AND OPERATION. FUELS AND MATERIALS MAY ALSO BE REDUCED. PRIMARY REASON GIVEN WAS PLAN OF FRENCH-GERMAN CONSORTIA TO COMMERCIALIZE LMFBR. THRUST FOR REDUCTION OF SCOPE OF US-FRG PROGRAM APPEARS TO ORIGINATE WITH THE FRENCH. IMPORTANT FACTOR CITED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GERMANS WAS DE-EMPHASIS BY US ON LMFBR. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST LMFBR-JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING UNDER ERDA-BMFT AGREEMENT WAS HELD IN BONN ON JUNE 2-3. FRENCH OBSERVERS WERE NOT RPT NOT PRESENT. DR. DAEUNERT SAID THIS WAS NEVER INTENDED AND WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING. SUBJECT OF HOW US-FRG BREEDER COOPERATION CAN

ENHANCE NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES WAS DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS, WITH REFERENCE TO ALTERNATIVE FUEL CYCLE CONCEPTS STUDIED IN BOTH THE FRG AND US.

3. COPY OF THE AGENDA AND THE AGREED UPON CONCLUSIONS ARE BEING POUCHED. AGENDA INCLUDED REVIEW OF FRG AND US PROGRAMS, PROCEDURAL MATTER RELATIVE TO WORKING GROUPS, DISCUSSIONS OF TECHNICAL AREAS AND IMPACT OF THE FRENCH-GERMAN AGREEMENT (LMFBR) AND US-FRENCH AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF US-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

4. AGENDA WAS ADHERED TO AND DISCUSSIONS WENT SMOOTHLY, UNTIL DR. DAEUNERT EXPLAINED THAT UNFORTUNATELY THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE GREATLY NARROWED. SPECIFICALLY, EFFORTS ON COMPONENTS, NON-NUCLEAR TESTING AND DESIGN AND OPERATION WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY ELIMINATED. PRIMARY REASON GIVEN WAS THE INTENT OF THE FRENCH-GERMAN CONSORTIA TO EXPLOIT COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS OF LMFBR. ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS SOME SPECIFIC SUBJECTS MIGHT BE BROUGHT BACK INTO THE US-GERMAN PROGRAM BUT THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND UNLIKELY. IT WAS FURTHER PREDICTED THAT EFFORTS ON FUELS AND MATERIALS MIGHT ALSO BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED. MOTIVATIONS FOR THIS ACTION CITED BY THE GERMANS WERE: FRENCH PRESSURE; DE-EMPHASIS OF US LMFBR PROGRAM; AND FACTORS CONSIDERED IN SELF-INTEREST OF THE FRG.

5. THE OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES OF THE JOINT FRENCH-GERMAN SYSTEMS COMPANY KNOWN AS SERENA WERE DISCUSSED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH CONSIDERABLE VAGUENESS ON MANY POINTS, BY DR. DAEUNERT AND HIS ASSOCIATES. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG VALUED ITS COOPERATIVE NUCLEAR EFFORTS WITH THE US, INCLUDING LMFBR. DR. DAEUNERT HOPES THAT AS THE FRENCH-GERMAN PROGRAM PROCEEDS THE SCOPE OF THE US-GERMAN PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE MIGHT BE BROADENED SLIGHTLY TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS.

6. NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1978. EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER CONSTRAINTS PLACED BY THE FRG ON THE US-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

7. EMBASSY COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE FRENCH ARE PRESSING THE FRG TO ELIMINATE FROM THE US-GERMAN PROGRAM ALL ASPECTS THAT MAY HAVE COMMERCIAL VALUE. THE DE-EMPHASIS OF THE US LMFBR PROGRAM APPARENTLY LEADS THE GERMANS TO CONCLUDE THAT THEY MUST COMPLY WITH THE FRENCH PRESSURE. IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR

THE DEPARTMENT AND ERDA TO REVIEW TOTAL US-GERMAN
REACTOR COOPERATION INCLUDING GCR CONCEPT WHICH GERMANS
ARE ANXIOUS TO IMPLEMENT. CASH

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